

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings and versions of claims in this application. Please cancel claims 74-80, 168, 174, and 186, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 24, 60, 93, 128, 160, 161, and 165, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for applying at least one product, the device comprising:

at least one receptacle configured to contain a product, the receptacle comprising a housing;

a cosmetic or care product contained in the at least one receptacle;

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and not including a dip tube, at least part of the removable unit being configured to be removably received in the housing, the removable unit being configured to be removed from the housing while the unit defines the substantially enclosed space;

a first wall defining a bottom portion of the removable unit and a second wall extending across a neck of the receptacle housing; and

at least one application element configured to be housed within the substantially enclosed space defined by the removable unit when the application element is not in use for applying product, the application element being further configured to be loaded with product from the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle,

wherein the application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, the at least one surface facing the receptacle when the

removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the application element with the product.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the at least one application element is porous.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one application element is configured to hold a reserve of product.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable unit comprises a first portion and second portion that are removably engageable with one another.

5. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein the first portion and second portion are removably engageable by screw fastening.

6. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein the first portion and second portion are engageable in a substantially leakproof manner.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6, wherein at least one of the first portion and the second portion includes a sealing member.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the sealing member is chosen from a sealing skirt and a sealing gasket configured to press in a substantially leakproof manner against at least the other of the first portion and the second portion.

9. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein the at least one application element is secured to one of the first portion and the second portion.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the portion to which the at least one application element is secured is configured as a handle member configured to be held during application of the product.

11. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 9, wherein the portion to which the at least one application element is secured defines an orifice configured to permit flow of product therethrough for loading the at least one application element when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle.

12. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 4, wherein the at least one application element is configured to be separated from the first and second portions during application of the product.

13. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 12, further comprising a handle member configured to be held during application of product via the at least one application element.

14. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 13, wherein the at least one application element comprises a portion forming the handle member.

15. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 14, wherein the portion forming a handle member is configured to be compressed when the first portion and the second portion are engaged with one another and to expand when the first portion and the second portion are removed from one another.

16. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable unit comprises an endpiece configured to cooperate with a portion of the receptacle.

17. (Original) The device of claim 16, wherein the endpiece is configured to cooperate with one of a valve, a pump, and a neck portion associated with the receptacle.

18. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 16, wherein the endpiece is configured to cooperate with one of a valve and a pump on the receptacle and wherein the removable unit is configured to move relative to the receptacle so as to actuate said one of the pump and the valve.

19. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the receptacle defines an orifice for flowing product into the removable unit when the removable unit is positioned on the

receptacle, and wherein the device further comprises a sealing member configured to establish a substantially leakproof connection between the removable unit and the orifice.

20. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable unit further comprises a valve configured to open to permit an amount of product to flow from the receptacle into the removable unit while the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle.

21. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 20, wherein the valve is further configured to close at least when the removable unit is removed from the receptacle.

22. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 20, wherein the removable unit comprises a first portion and a second portion configured to be removably engaged with one another, and wherein the valve is one of overmolded and fixed by snap fastening on one of the first and second portions.

23. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable unit comprises a wall defining at least one orifice configured to flow product therethrough.

24. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 23, wherein the wall ~~defines a bottom of the space containing the at least one application element when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle~~ comprises the first wall.

25. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 23, further comprising a pad configured to be disposed between the at least one application element and the orifice when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle.

26. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 25, wherein the pad is porous.

27. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one application element is made of a non-compressible material.

28. (Original) The device of claim 27, wherein the application element is made of a sintered material.

29. (Original) The device of claim 27, wherein the application element is made of a material chosen from sintered polyethylene, PVC, EVA, polyamide, and brass.

30. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one application element is made of a compressible material.

31. (Original) The device of claim 30, wherein the application element is made of an elastically deformable material.

32. (Original) The device of claim 30, wherein the application element is made of a material chosen from a foam of polyurethane, a foam of polyester, a foam of polyether, a foam of PVC, a foam of NBR, a felt, and a multilayer composite.

33. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein at least part of the at least one application element is one of flocked, comprises a woven surface fabric, and comprises a non-woven surface fabric.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a wall for guiding movement of the removable unit while it is placed in position on the receptacle.

36. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, further comprising one of a pump and a valve for dispensing product from the receptacle into the removable unit.

37. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 36, wherein the one of the pump and the valve is configured to be actuated by the removable unit.

38. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the receptacle defines an orifice configured to be in flow communication with the product in the receptacle.

39. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 38, further comprising a cock configured to substantially prevent flow communication through the orifice when the removable unit is removed from the receptacle.

40. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, the housing is provided with a lid configured to close the housing when the removable unit is removed from the receptacle.

41. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 40, wherein the lid is hingedly connected to the receptacle.

42. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the receptacle further comprises a dispensing member on a portion of the receptacle separate from a portion on which the removable unit is configured to be positioned, the dispensing member being configured to dispense product from the receptacle.

43. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, wherein the dispensing member is a pushbutton actuator.

44. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, wherein the dispensing mechanism is positioned on the same side of the receptacle as the removable unit.

45. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 44, wherein the dispensing mechanism and the removable unit are positioned on a top portion of the receptacle.

46. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, wherein the dispensing mechanism is positioned on a different side of the receptacle than the removable unit.

47. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 46, wherein the dispensing mechanism and the removable unit are positioned on substantially opposite sides of the receptacle.

48. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 46, wherein the dispensing mechanism and the removable unit are positioned substantially along a longitudinal axis of the receptacle.

49. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, wherein the dispensing mechanism is configured to dispense product from the receptacle independent from loading of the at least one application element with the product.

50. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the housing includes at least one relief portion for cooperating with the removable unit so as to substantially prevent rotation of the removable unit relative to the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle.

51. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, further comprising a dip tube configured to extend within the receptacle.

52. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one application element occupies a portion of the space when the product is not loaded therein and is configured to expand within the space upon being loaded with product.

53. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable unit is configured to be placed in a closed position in which access to the space is substantially prevented and an open position in which access to the space is permitted.

54. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 53, wherein the at least one application element is configured to be compressed when the removable unit is in the closed position and to expand when the removable unit is in the open position.

55. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 54, wherein a portion of the application element forms a handle member upon expansion.

56. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable element further comprises a hinged lid portion, the at least one application element being attached to the hinged lid portion.

57. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the housing is configured to independently receive the removable unit and a removable dispensing mechanism for dispensing product from the receptacle.

58. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 57, further comprising the dispensing mechanism.

59. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 58, wherein the dispensing mechanism comprises a push-button actuator.

60. (Currently Amended) A device for applying at least one product, the device comprising:

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and not including a dip tube, at least part of the removable unit being configured to be removably received in a housing of a receptacle containing a product, the removable unit being configured to be removed from the housing while the unit defines the substantially enclosed space; and

at least one nonbristled application element configured to be received within the substantially enclosed space, the at least one application element being further configured to be loaded with product from the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle,

wherein the at least one application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, the at least one surface facing the receptacle

when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the at least one application element with product, and

wherein the removable unit is separated from the product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

61. (Original) A method of loading an application device, comprising:
providing a removable unit defining a space and at least one application element configured to be received within the space;
selecting at least one receptacle from a plurality of receptacles containing differing products;
positioning the removable unit on the at least one selected receptacle; and
flowing product from the at least one selected receptacle into the removable unit so as to load the at least one application element with at least the product from the at least one selected receptacle.

62. (Original)The method of claim 61, further comprising placing the at least one loaded application element in contact with a surface so as to apply the loaded product to the surface.

63. (Original) The method of claim 61, further comprising removing the removable unit from the selected receptacle after loading the at least one application element with the product.

64. (Original) The method of claim 63, further comprising carrying the removable unit away from the receptacle.

65. (Original) The method of claim 61, further comprising opening the removable unit so as to permit access to at least one surface of the application element configured for applying the loaded product.

66. (Original) The method of claim 61, wherein the selecting comprises selecting more than one receptacle from the plurality of receptacles containing differing products.

67. (Original) The method of claim 66, further comprising positioning the removable unit on each of the selected receptacles one at a time and flowing product from each of the selected receptacles into the removable unit.

68. (Original) The method of claim 67, further comprising placing the at least one application element into contact with a surface so as to apply the loaded product to the surface prior to positioning the removable unit on another of the selected receptacles and flowing the product from the other selected receptacle into the removable unit.

69. (Original) The method of claim 66, wherein the plurality of receptacles contain products having differing scents.

70. (Original) The method of claim 66, wherein at least one of the plurality of receptacles contains an active agent.

71. (Original) The method of claim 61, wherein the at least one application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, the at least one surface facing the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the application element with product.

72. (Original) The method of claim 61, wherein the removable unit defines a substantially enclosed space.

73. (Original) The method of claim 61, wherein the removable element comprises a first portion configured to engage with a portion of the at least one selected receptacle and a second portion configured to cooperate with the first portion, and the at least one application element is secured to the second portion.

74-80. (Canceled)

81. (Withdrawn) An application system comprising:
the device of claim 60; and

at least two receptacles, each of the at least two receptacles comprising a housing in which said at least part of the removable unit is configured to be independently removably received.

82. (Withdrawn) The application system of claim 81, wherein the at least two receptacles are held by a common support or housed in a common box.

83. (Withdrawn) The application system of claim 81, wherein each of the at least two receptacles contains product differing from product contained in another of the at least two receptacles.

84. (Previously Presented) A method of loading an application device, comprising:

providing a device comprising:

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and not including a dip tube, at least part of the removable unit being configured to be removably received in a housing of a receptacle containing a product, the removable unit being configured to be removed from the housing while the unit defines the substantially enclosed space; and

at least one application element configured to be received within the substantially enclosed space, the at least one application element being further configured to be loaded with product from the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle,

wherein the at least one application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, the at least one surface facing the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the at least one application element with product;
selecting at least one receptacle from a plurality of receptacles containing differing products;
positioning the removable unit on the at least one selected receptacle; and
flowing product from the at least one selected receptacle into the removable unit so as to load the at least one application element with at least the product from the at least one selected receptacle.

85. (Original) The method of claim 84, further comprising placing the at least one loaded application element in contact with a surface so as to apply the loaded product to the surface.

86. (Original) The method of claim 84, further comprising removing the removable unit from the selected receptacle after loading the at least one application element with the product.

87. (Original) The method of claim 86, further comprising carrying the removable unit away from the receptacle.

88. (Original) The method of claim 84, further comprising opening the removable unit so as to permit access to at least one surface of the application element configured for applying the loaded product.

89. (Original) The method of claim 84, wherein the selecting comprises selecting more than one receptacle from the plurality of receptacles containing differing products.

90. (Original) The method of claim 88, further comprising positioning the removable unit on each of the selected receptacles one at a time and flowing product from each of the selected receptacles into the removable unit.

91. (Original) The method of claim 90, further comprising placing the at least one application element into contact with a surface so as to apply the loaded product to the surface prior to positioning the removable unit on another of the selected receptacles and flowing the product from the other selected receptacle into the removable unit.

92. (Original) The method of claim 89, wherein the plurality of receptacles contain products having differing scents.

93. (Currently Amended) A device for applying a product, the device comprising:

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and not including a dip tube, at least part of the removable unit being configured to be removably received in a housing of a receptacle containing a product, the removable unit comprising a first portion configured to removably engage with a the housing of the receptacle, and a second portion configured to cooperate with the first portion so as to place the removable unit in one of a closed position so as to substantially restrict access to the space and an open position so as to permit access to the space, the first portion being configured to be removed from the housing together with the second portion in the closed position; and

at least one application element configured to be received in the substantially enclosed space when the application element is not in use for applying product,

wherein the at least one application element is secured to the second portion or separated from the first portion and the second portion,

wherein the device further comprises a cosmetic or care product to be applied using the at least one application element, and

wherein the removable unit is separated from the product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

94. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the first portion and the second portion are configured to be separated from one another when the removable unit is in the open position.

95. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein at least a portion of the at least one application element is porous.

96. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the at least one application element is configured to hold a reserve of product.

97. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the first portion and the second portion are removably engageable with one another via one of screw-fastening and snap-fastening.

98. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the first portion and the second portion are configured to cooperate with one another in a substantially leakproof manner when the removable unit is in the closed position.

99. (Original) The device of claim 98, wherein at least one of the first and second portions includes one of a sealing skirt and a sealing gasket configured to press in a substantially leakproof manner against at least the other of the first portion and the second portion.

100. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the application element is secured to the second portion.

101. (Original) The device of claim 100, wherein the second portion is configured as a handle member configured to be held during application of the product via the at least one application element.

102. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 100, wherein the second portion is hingedly connected to the first portion.

103. (Original) The device of claim 100, wherein the second portion is configured to be separated from the first portion.

104. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 100, wherein the first portion defines an orifice configured to permit flow of product for loading the at least one application element when the removable unit is received in the housing.

105. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 93, wherein the at least one application element is separated from the first and second portions.

106. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 105, further comprising a handle member configured to be held during application of product via the at least one application element.

107. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 105, wherein the at least one application element comprises a portion forming the handle member.

108. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 107, wherein the portion forming the handle member is configured to be compressed when the removable unit is in the closed position and to be uncompressed when the removable unit is in the open position.

109. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the removable unit comprises an endpiece configured to cooperate with a portion of the receptacle.

110. (Original) The device of claim 109, wherein the endpiece is configured to cooperate with one of a valve, a pump, and a neck portion associated with the receptacle.

111. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 109, wherein the endpiece is configured to cooperate with one of a valve and a pump associated with the receptacle, and wherein the removable unit is configured to move relative to the receptacle so as to actuate one of the pump and the valve.

112. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the receptacle defines an orifice for flowing product into the removable unit, and wherein the device further comprises a sealing member configured to establish a substantially leakproof connection between the removable unit and the orifice.

113. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 93, wherein the removable unit further comprises a valve configured to open to permit an amount of product to flow from the receptacle into the removable unit while said at least part of the removable unit is received in the housing.

114. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 113, wherein the valve is further configured to close at least when said at least part of the removable unit is removed from the housing.

115. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 113, wherein the valve is one of overmolded and fixed by snap fastening on the first portion of the removable unit.

116. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the first portion of the removable unit comprises a wall defining at least one orifice configured to flow product therethrough.

117. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 116, wherein the wall defines a bottom of the space when said at least part of the removable unit is received in the housing.

118. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 117, further comprising a pad configured to be disposed between the at least one application element and the orifice when said at least part of the removable unit is received in the housing.

119. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 118, wherein the pad is porous.
120. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the at least one application element is made of a non-compressible material.
121. (Original) The device of claim 120, wherein the application element is made of a sintered material.
122. (Original) The device of claim 120, wherein the application element is made of a material chosen from sintered polyethylene, PVC, EVA, polyamide, and brass.
123. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the at least one application element is made of a compressible material.
124. (Original) The device of claim 123, wherein the at least one application element is made of an elastically deformable material.
125. (Original) The device of claim 124, wherein the at least one application element is made of a material chosen from a foam of polyurethane, a foam of polyester, a foam of polyether, a foam of PVC, a foam of NBR, a felt, and a multilayer composite.

126. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein at least part of the at least one application element is one of flocked, comprises a woven surface fabric, and comprises a non-woven surface fabric.

127. (Canceled)

128. (Currently Amended) A device for applying a product, the device comprising:

a receptacle;

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and being configured to be removably positioned on a the receptacle ~~containing a product~~, the removable unit comprising a first portion configured to removably engage with a portion of the receptacle, and a second portion configured to cooperate with the first portion so as to place the removable unit in one of a closed position so as to substantially restrict access to the space and an open position so as to permit access to the space; and

at least one application element configured to be received in the substantially enclosed space when the application element is not in use for applying product,

wherein the at least one application element is secured to the second portion or separated from the first portion and the second portion,

wherein the device further comprises a cosmetic or care product to be applied using the at least one application element,

wherein ~~removable unit is configured to be removably positioned on a~~ the
receptacle ~~having~~ includes a dispensing member on a portion of the receptacle
separate from a portion on which the removable unit is configured to be positioned, and
wherein when the removable unit is positioned on the portion of the receptacle on
which the removable unit is configured to be positioned, the dispensing member is
capable of dispensing product without loading the removable unit.

129. (Original) The device of claim 93, wherein the at least one application
element occupies a portion of the space when the product is not loaded therein and is
configured to expand within the space upon being loaded with product.

130. (Previously Presented) An application system comprising:
the device of claim 93; and
at least one receptacle comprising a housing in which said at least part of the
removable unit is configured to be removably received, the at least one receptacle being
configured to contain a product to be applied.

131. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 130, wherein the at least one receptacle
comprises a plurality of receptacles configured to contain different products.

132. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 131, wherein the plurality of receptacles
are one of held by a common support and housed in a common box.

133. (Withdrawn) The application system of claim 130, wherein each of the at least two receptacles contains product differing from product contained in another of the at least two receptacles.

134. (Previously Presented) A method of loading an application device, comprising:

providing a device comprising:

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and not including a dip tube, at least part of the removable unit being configured to be removably received in a housing of a receptacle containing a product, the removable unit comprising a first portion configured to removably engage with the housing of the receptacle, and a second portion configured to cooperate with the first portion so as to place the removable unit in one of a closed position so as to substantially restrict access to the space and an open position so as to permit access to the space, the first portion being configured to be removed from the housing together with the second portion in the closed position; and

at least one application element configured to be received in the substantially enclosed space when the application element is not in use for applying product,

wherein the at least one application element is secured to the second portion or separated from the first portion and the second portion,

wherein the device further comprises a cosmetic or care product to be applied using the at least one application element;

selecting at least one receptacle from a plurality of receptacles containing differing products;

positioning the removable unit on the at least one selected receptacle; and

flowing product from the at least one selected receptacle into the removable unit so as to load the at least one application element with at least the product from the at least one selected receptacle.

135. (Original) The method of claim 134, further comprising placing the at least one loaded application element in contact with a surface so as to apply the loaded product to the surface.

136. (Original) The method of claim 134, further comprising removing the removable unit from the selected receptacle after loading the at least one application element with the product.

137. (Original) The method of claim 136, further comprising carrying the removable unit away from the receptacle.

138. (Original) The method of claim 134, further comprising opening the removable unit so as to permit access to at least one surface of the application element configured for applying the loaded product.

139. (Original) The method of claim 134, wherein the selecting comprises selecting more than one receptacle from the plurality of receptacles containing differing products.

140. (Original) The method of claim 139, further comprising positioning the removable unit on each of the selected receptacles one at a time and flowing product from each of the selected receptacles into the removable unit.

141. (Original) The method of claim 140, further comprising placing the at least one application element into contact with a surface so as to apply the loaded product to the surface prior to positioning the removable unit on another of the selected receptacles and flowing the product from the other selected receptacle into the removable unit.

142. (Original) The method of claim 139, wherein the plurality of receptacles contain products having differing scents.

143-159. (Canceled)

160. (Currently Amended) A device for applying at least one product, the device comprising:

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and being rigid such that the substantially enclosed space does not have a variable volume, the

removable unit being configured to be removably positioned on a receptacle containing a product and being configured to be removed from the receptacle while the unit defines the substantially enclosed space; and

at least one nonbristled application element configured to be received within the substantially enclosed space, the at least one application element being further configured to be loaded with product from the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle,

wherein the at least one application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, ~~the at least one surface facing the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the at least one application element with product, and~~

wherein the removable unit is separated from the product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

161. (Currently Amended) A device for applying at least one product, the device comprising:

a removable unit comprising a first portion and a second portion configured to be releasably connected together to define a substantially enclosed space, the removable unit being configured to be removably positioned on at least one receptacle containing a product, the removable unit being configured to be removed from the receptacle while the unit defines the substantially enclosed space; and

at least one nonbristled application element configured to be housed within the substantially enclosed space defined by the removable unit when the application

element is not in use for applying product, the application element being further configured to be loaded with product from the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle,

wherein the application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, ~~the at least one surface facing the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the application element with the product, and~~

wherein the removable unit is separated from the product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

162. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the product is perfume.

163. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the product is configured to be applied to one of skin, hair, fingernails, and toenails.

164. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein a length of the removable unit is less than a length of the receptacle.

165. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 1, further comprising~~ A device for applying at least one product, the device comprising:
at least one receptacle configured to contain a product, the receptacle comprising a housing;

a cosmetic or care product contained in the at least one receptacle;

a removable unit defining a substantially enclosed space and not including a dip tube, at least part of the removable unit being configured to be removably received in the housing, the removable unit being configured to be removed from the housing while the unit defines the substantially enclosed space;

at least one application element configured to be housed within the substantially enclosed space defined by the removable unit when the application element is not in use for applying product, the application element being further configured to be loaded with product from the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle; and

a valve configured to control product flow between the receptacle and the removable unit,

wherein the application element comprises at least one surface configured to apply the loaded product, the at least one surface facing the receptacle when the removable unit is positioned on the receptacle during loading of the application element with the product.

166. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the application element is not immersed in product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

167. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the removable unit is separated from the product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

168. (Canceled).

169. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein at least part of the application element comprises flocking.

170. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the application element is configured to apply the product in the receptacle to one of skin, hair, fingernails, and toenails.

171. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the at least one application element is connected to a portion of the removable unit.

172. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, further comprising a valve configured to control product flow between the receptacle and the removable unit.

173. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the application element is not immersed in product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

174. (Canceled).

175. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein a length of the removable unit is less than a length of the receptacle.

176. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 93, wherein the product is configured to be applied to one of skin, hair, fingernails, and toenails.

177. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 160, wherein at least part of the application element comprises flocking.

178. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 160, further comprising a valve configured to control product flow between the receptacle and the removable unit.

179. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 160, wherein the application element is not immersed in product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

180. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 160, wherein the application element is configured to apply product from the receptacle to one of skin, hair, fingernails, and toenails.

181. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, wherein a length of the removable unit is less than a length of the receptacle.

182. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, wherein the application element is configured to apply product from the receptacle to one of skin, hair, fingernails, and toenails.

183. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, wherein the at least one application element is connected to a portion of the removable unit.

184. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, further comprising a valve configured to control product flow between the receptacle and the removable unit.

185. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, wherein the application element is not immersed in product contained in the receptacle when the removable unit is received in the housing.

186. (Canceled).

187. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, further comprising a first wall defining a bottom portion of the removable unit and a second wall extending across a neck of the receptacle housing.

188. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 161, wherein at least part of the application element comprises flocking.